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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Case No. CR 21-011 WHA
)	
Plaintiff,)	GOVERNMENT STATEMENT RE JURY TRIAL
)	
v.)	
)	
CHEN SONG,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
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Defendant is alleged to be a member of the military of the People's Republic of China. It is the government's preference that this case proceed as normally as possible despite the COVID-19 pandemic, and the government therefore requests a jury trial in this matter.

However, the government recognizes that defendant has requested a bench trial and is not willing to agree to waivers of time. The government also understands that, at the present time, the Court is not conducting out-of-custody jury trials, and the COVID-19 pandemic may affect the Court's ability to go forward in April with a jury trial for an out-of-custody defendant. As a result, if the Court is unable to hold a jury trial in this matter safely in April, the government consents to a bench trial.

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